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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 16 April 1969

ADD/I briefed on Review Group deliberations of the various options open to the U. S. Government to deal with the loss of the EC-121 aircraft over the Sea of Japan. He noted that the Director's briefing paper for today's NSC meeting has been completed. (ADD/I observed that he and others were up until 3 a.m. this morning and that a great deal of time and cable traffic were consumed in identifying the location of a Dutch vessel scheduled for delivery to the North Koreans.) Godfrey noted that Soviet and U. S. naval vessels in the area are exchanging messages which, together with U. S. photos of debris, suggest that there are no survivors to the crash.

Godfrey reported that, contrary to yesterday's information, Dubcek will remain in Prague and not go to Moscow. Student and labor union strikes are continuing, and a greater degree of turbulence can be expected tomorrow.

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Maury related that he was in touch with Bill Woodruff with respect to whether Senator Symington had been briefed on the Agency's budget. He commented that the record reveals that he was briefed last July and again on 28 March. Woodruff related that the Army is seeking funds for development of a new helicopter and that Senator Russell has suggested that funds not be made available until after the Army has evaluated the

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Maury reported that a staff assistant of Senator Gaylord Nelson has asked that someone brief the Senator in his office on Soviet/ChiCom weapons and military posture. The Director asked Maury to refer the Senator's staff assistant to the offices of Senators Russell or Stennis.

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Houston reported that, according to a recent Civil Service Commission ruling, individuals who are used intermittently for intelligence consultative purposes of brief duration are to be exempted from filing papers related to their financial holdings. He noted that this will be particularly helpful to BNE consultants.

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DD/P noted that they have issued two excellent disseminations on the Czech/Soviet situation.

The Director commented that he will be free to see General Cushman any time this afternoon with respect to preparations for the General's confirmation hearing tomorrow. Per the Commandant's advice, General Cushman noted that he will appear in uniform, and the Director anticipated that he may be questioned on Vietnam.

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*Extracted and sent to action officer

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